



Riverside DUI Enforcement PRESS RELEASE



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Riverside Police Department is Conducting Motorcycle Safety Enforcement

Encouraging drivers and riders to share the road

Riverside Police Department will have extra officers out on patrol Tuesday, March 26, 2019, looking for violations made by drivers and motorcyclists that increase the risk of crashes. These motorcycle safety enforcement operations aim at educating both motorcyclists and drivers on the rules of the road.

Motorcycle fatalities have jumped dramatically in California over the past decade. In 2017, there were 576 people killed in motorcycle crashes statewide, up nearly 17 percent from 494 in 2015. Over the course of the past 3 years in the City of Riverside, motorcycle involved collisions have resulted in 228 fatal and injury crashes.

Drivers should exercise safe behavior and be alert for motorcyclists, with as many motorcycle crashes that are caused due to when drivers do not see them. Share the road and make it a habit to check your mirrors and blind spots, especially when merging, turning or changing lanes.

Motorcyclists should make themselves visible by wearing brightly colored, protective clothing and keeping lights on during daylight. It's also urged to only change lanes when there is enough room and always wear a Department of Transportation compliant helmet.

Although lane splitting is now legal, motorcyclists should be extra careful traveling between lanes. Riders should avoid the practice while next to large vehicles like big rigs, buses and motorhomes, while factoring in lane width, traffic flow, and roadway conditions.

Motorcycle riders are encouraged regardless of skill level, to enroll in the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at <http://www.californiamotorcyclist.com/> or by calling 1-877 RIDE-411 (1-877-743-3411).

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